

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Wayne Slaton
Vice Mayor Robert Meador, II
Councilmember Roberto Alonso
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember Michael Pizzi
Councilmember Nancy Simon
Councilmember Peter Thomson

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Miami Lakes Middle School
6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In addition to Mayor Slaton, the following Councilmembers were present. Mary Collins, Roberto Alonso, Peter Thomson. Vice Mayor Robert Meador arrived at 7:15 and Councilmember Michael Pizzi arrived at 7:20. Councilmember Nancy Simon was absent.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Slaton called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Slaton led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITONS/DELETIONS):** Mayor Slaton stated he would be adding an appointment to the agenda. Councilmember Roberto Alonso stated he would be adding an update to the Council regarding the upcoming visiting delegation from Costa Rica.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Peter Thomson. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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B. **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT**

FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES BETWEEN SEVERN TRENT SERVICES-MOYER AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES. (Rey)

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACAI ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE TOWN FOR THE ROYAL OAKS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AND MIAMI LAKES PARK NEW GYMNASIUM AND POOL. (Rey)

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SALMAN MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND THE TOWN FOR THE TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. (Rey)

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF PABLO CASTANEDA TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2004-0738. (Rey)

Mayor Collins made a motion to accept the consent agenda. It was seconded by Roberto Alonso. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pastor Keith Pisani appeared before the Council to give them an update as Chairman of the Elderly Affairs Committee. He stated that the State of Florida has declared Miami Lakes a Community for a Lifetime and that qualifies the Town for grants. A certificate will be awarded on January 31, 2006 and invited the Council to attend the festivities.

Pedro Carballo gave an update on the effort to negotiate with the Dunn family, increased number of vehicles behind his property and the continuing affect on his property. He asked that the Council enforce a 250 foot setback of the cows.

David Bennett asked to give his allotted time to the next speaker.

James Holland spoke as a Planner for a neighboring municipality and neighbor to the Carballos and Dunns. He offered his opinion as to the regulations surrounding the Dunn property and grazing of cows. Mayor Slaton encouraged town staff to be in touch with Mr. Holland to share information.

Alan Riggerman spoke regarding pedestrians and vehicles, reptile and insect breeding and mitigation.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Education Advisory Board

Richard Pulido, Chairman of the Education Advisory Board gave a verbal report to Council regarding the projects before the Committee; including, Youth Internship Program, Imagination Library, Key to the Town Scholarship, Kids ID/ Safety Card Program and highlighted funding from the Council to area schools.

Vice Mayor Meador thanked Mr. Pulido for the report and requested that he provide the Council with specific information on the over-crowding at Bob Graham Elementary and Miami Lake Elementary schools. He asked for the number of students outside the boundaries of Miami Lakes. Mr. Pulido agreed to gather the information and provide it to Council.

B. Beautification RFP for Town Landscape Architect

Russ Geyer appeared before the Council and requested that the Town go forward with an RFP for a landscape architect who would put landscape plans in place for the next 10 to 15 years.

Councilmember Mary Collins complimented the Committee for their work. Vice Mayor Robert Meador suggested that a graduate student might be available to do the work and save tax dollars. Vice Mayor Meador inquired if the Committee has done an inventory of trees and Mr. Geyer informed him that the Committee does not have the resources to do it, but agreed that it should be done.

Councilmember Peter Thomson supported having a licensed professional, the need for tree replacement and moving the project forward.

Russ Geyer reported on the month long festival starting with Earth Day that will be held in conjunction with the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to appoint Charles James as a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee. The appointment was seconded by Councilmember Roberto Alonso. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

10. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:

12. RESOLUTIONS:

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR’S REPORTS:

B. MANAGER’S REPORTS:

1. FEMA Reimbursement

Finance Director, Alfredo Acin gave an update of meetings, allowances, reimbursements and regulations from FEMA. Councilmember Peter Thomson asked for an update on stump removal and Town Manager, Alex Rey explained the current status of the process.

2. Entrance Features

Town Engineer, Russell Barnes update the Council on his effort to create an RFP for the proposed entrance features, outlining the difficulties and added expense he has encountered. Vice Mayor Robert Meador inquired about the design liability of the previous entrance features. Councilmember Peter Thomson inquired if the currently approved design will go through bid process. Councilmember Michael Pizzi outlined the lengthy process that the entrance features have faced and expressed his concern for the length of time and cost involved. Vice Mayor Robert Meador made a motion to adopt the original design for the entrance features so as not to expose the town to potential liability. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Michael Pizzi. Councilmember Roberto Alonso spoke in favor of the motion. Councilmember Peter Thomson spoke in opposition to the motion as the previous design was the one supported by the residents after a lengthy process of a charette and public hearings. Councilmember Mary Collins spoke in opposition to the motion and in favor of support of the current design. Councilmember Roberto Alonso spoke about the cost difference between the two designs. Vice Mayor Robert Meador withdrew his motion and no action was taken.

3. Hurricane Damaged Fences Variance Process

Town Manager, Alex Rey and Planner, Maria Crowley updated the Council on the number of variance applications received for the replacement of fences since Hurricane Wilma and the proposed reduction in fees to the applicants. Councilmember Peter Thomson supported the applicants applying in a group and the Council hearing the cases individually.

4. Permit Fees Related to Hurricane Wilma Repairs

Town Manager Alex Rey reported on the most common building permit requests since Hurricane Wilma.

5. Concurrency Management Report

Fred Swartz of Town Engineering Firm, Kimley Horn explained the proposed guidebook for concurrency management. Councilmember Michael Pizzi expressed his concern with the methodology used in figuring concurrency as it is currently applied by the County and his concern for the traffic in Miami Lakes. Councilmember Roberto Alonso pointed out that the control of this Council is only to enforce concurrency in Miami Lakes and not the rest of the County, which contributes to the problems in Miami Lakes. Vice Mayor Meador pointed out that there are vacant office buildings in Miami Lakes and asked about how this fact might impact the determination of concurrency.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Meador to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberto Alonso. The Mayor called for the vote and it was in the affirmative.

Councilmember Mary Collins left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

C. COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS:

1. Youth Center (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi gave an update on the creation of a Youth/Teen Center on Main Street in the area currently being occupied by the Finance and Building Departments of the Town of Miami Lakes. He reported that the area will house a game room with board games and ping pong, air hockey, etc. It would have a computer room, study room and lounge and would house approximately 300 youth.

Town Manager, Alex Rey included that there will be a budget prepared for the February Council Meeting. Councilmember Michael Pizzi envisions that the project will be up and running by May.

Councilmember Peter Thomson asked why there was no back up materials in the agenda on this item and Town Manager, Alex Rey pointed out that there are no rules to require it. Councilmember Roberto Alonso questioned if this expenditure was a duplication of money already going to schools for computer rooms and recreation and asked about police control. He asked that the Town Manager see if all the money has been distributed by the Education Advisory Board. Mayor Wayne Slaton reported that the school has been working on making this their annual Citizens project and that Councilmember Mary Collins intends to sponsor it. Councilmember Peter Thomson expressed his support for the Youth Center but not for it being on Main Street and asked that other locations be looked at.

2. Urban Development Boundary (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi updated the Council on this item on which they had voted against. He stated the item is now going to Tallahassee for review with a negative recommendation.

3. Hurricane Assistance to Gated or Private Communities (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi updated the members of Council that since Hurricane Wilma, FEMA now has a process in place to allow the town to have access to privately gated communities. FEMA will review on a case by case basis if needed in the future.

4. Service Quality Issues for Solid Waste (Simon)

This item was not discussed as Councilmember Nancy Simon was not in attendance.

5. Shawn O'Dare Way (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi updated the Councilmembers on the naming of the street and suggested it would be appropriate to have a naming ceremony. He stated that a time would have to be coordinated with Representative Rene Garcia and would like it done within the next 30 days.

6. Sister City Program (Alonso)

Councilmember Roberto Alonso reported on the impending visit of the Costa Rican delegation in Miami Lakes on January 19, 2006 and the two-day itinerary. Councilmember Michael Pizzi asked if there was a budget for the event and whether the Sister City Program had been adopted. Town Manager, Alex Rey reported that the Council voted to invite the delegation previously and that the cost involved would include reciprocating on some meals.

D. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

14. NEW BUSINESS:

15: FUTURE MEETING DATES:

January 24, 2006 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes 7 PM
February 14, 2006 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes 7 PM
February 21, 2006 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes 7 PM

17. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2006.

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk

